

REMARKS

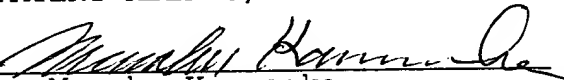
In paragraph 2 of the Action, claims 1, 9, 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Takeshi et al. In paragraph 3 of the Action, claims 2-6, 10-11 and 15-16 were rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeshi et al. However, in paragraph 4 of the Action, claims 7-8 were objected to, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the rejection and the indication of allowance, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7, and claim 7 has been canceled. Claim 14 has been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to correct dependency.

With the amendments, claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-16 are in a condition of allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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